

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LORRHA**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	28	29
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	204	203

Lorrha, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your extended entry form and proposed work schedule. We noted that some of the goals set out have already been achieved. With so many historical and heritage sites in the village it is good to see that a brochure is at present being prepared for publication.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most business premises in the village were looking well including the Friars Tavern and the XL Shop next door – here more appropriate signage instead of plastic would be more in keeping with a heritage village. On the Carrigahorick approach, the gable end of the pub over the bridge badly needed painting. You do have quite an amount of derelict buildings and we trust that you will have positive results following your discussions with the various owners. We noted that work is still in progress at St. Ruadhan's Abbey. The school and the Community Hall were quite well presented, although the latter could do with an upgrading.

LANDSCAPING

The impressive entrance on the Carrigahorick road was again admired. Also, the hanging baskets and window boxes throughout the village. In respect of the window boxes, again plastic is not suitable for these. Also, flower boxes should not be placed on the stone bridge as this structure is better unadorned. This was a very bad year weatherwise coming up to adjudication and therefore this was taken into account in respect of the fact that the grass was not recently mown. The planting of nasturtiums and heather on the Birr road should provide a riot of colour here. The Display maps and seats in the heart of the village are a good idea. However, the seats needed restaining. The Marion Shrine was very well maintained.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is scope for more ambitious projects under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

There was a fair sprinkling of litter throughout the village, despite the black litter bins provided. Quite an amount of this was at the picnic area (proving that it is used) but indicating how constant vigilance is needed.

TIDINESS

There were some untidy corners and back yards (especially on the way to St. Ruadhan's Abbey) which need following

up. However, kerbs were virtually weed free.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Mostly good and some exceptional. The residents of the new houses being built in the centre of the village should be encouraged to join with you in your endeavours.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads were mostly well maintained, considering the bad weather. A rather rough corner was noted near the Dominican Priory where it looked like gravel had been deposited for some time. The signs to heritage sites throughout needed refurbishment. Other road signs were mostly well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The adjudicator received the impression that this was a 'holding' year for Lorrha. We appreciate that it is difficult to keep the momentum up year in year out, especially with such terrible weather. However, your achievements to date have been tremendous and we look forward to further progress in the years ahead.